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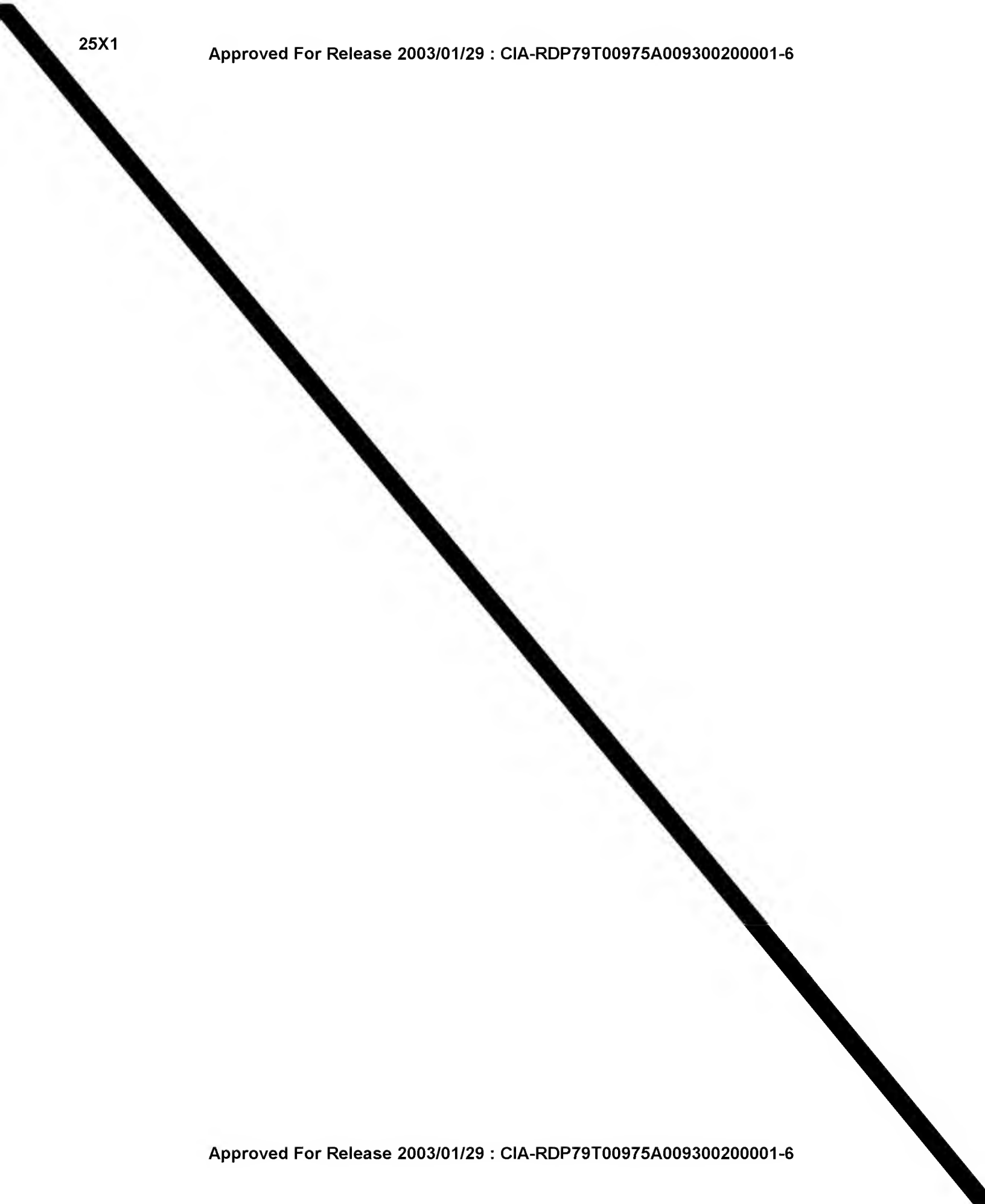

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*Haiti: Growing discontent with the Duvalier regime has reportedly resulted in demonstrations and acts of violence in St. Marc and another nearby town.

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the commander and deputy commander of the St. Marc civil militia were killed on 26 October along with two other unidentified Haitian Government officials. reports claim that as many as 100 demonstrators were arrested in St. Marc and that 17 students have been shot as a result of the demonstrations.

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Antiregime demonstrations also took place in nearby Petite Riviere de l'Artibonite on 25 and 26 October.

The incidents reported in St. Marc followed closely on the heels of earlier signs of public disaffection that recently surfaced in outlying districts. President Duvalier is aware of the potential dangers to his position these signs of unrest connote. He can be expected to take strong repressive measures to further suppress opposition to his regime.

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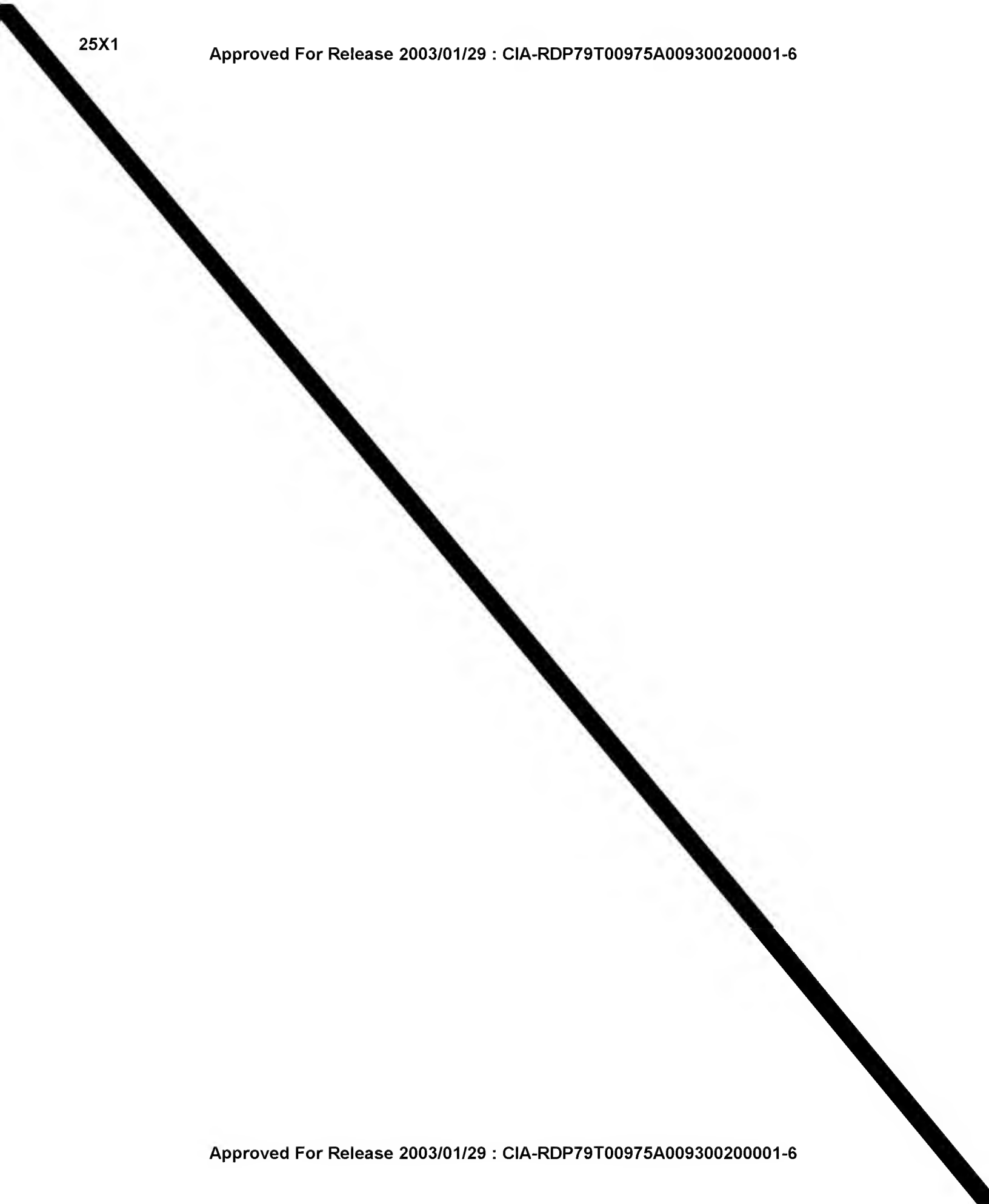

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Togo: Opponents of President Grunitzky's moderate policies are reported to be conspiring with the restless army chief of staff and several civilian ministers to bring down the regime. Grunitzky's government has made modest economic and political progress during its three years in office, but remains inefficient and weak. Although the reported participants in the plot appear to be an unlikely combination, dissident elements might take advantage of Grunitzky's absence from the country during the next few weeks to try to move against him.

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Uruguay:

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The governing council is reluctant to make these moves, which would be politically unpopular, but the current wave of strikes, particularly in the nation's banks, is disrupting the economy and creating undesirable tension in advance of the national elections scheduled for 27 November. The Communist Party is planning further large-scale demonstrations which could lead to violence.

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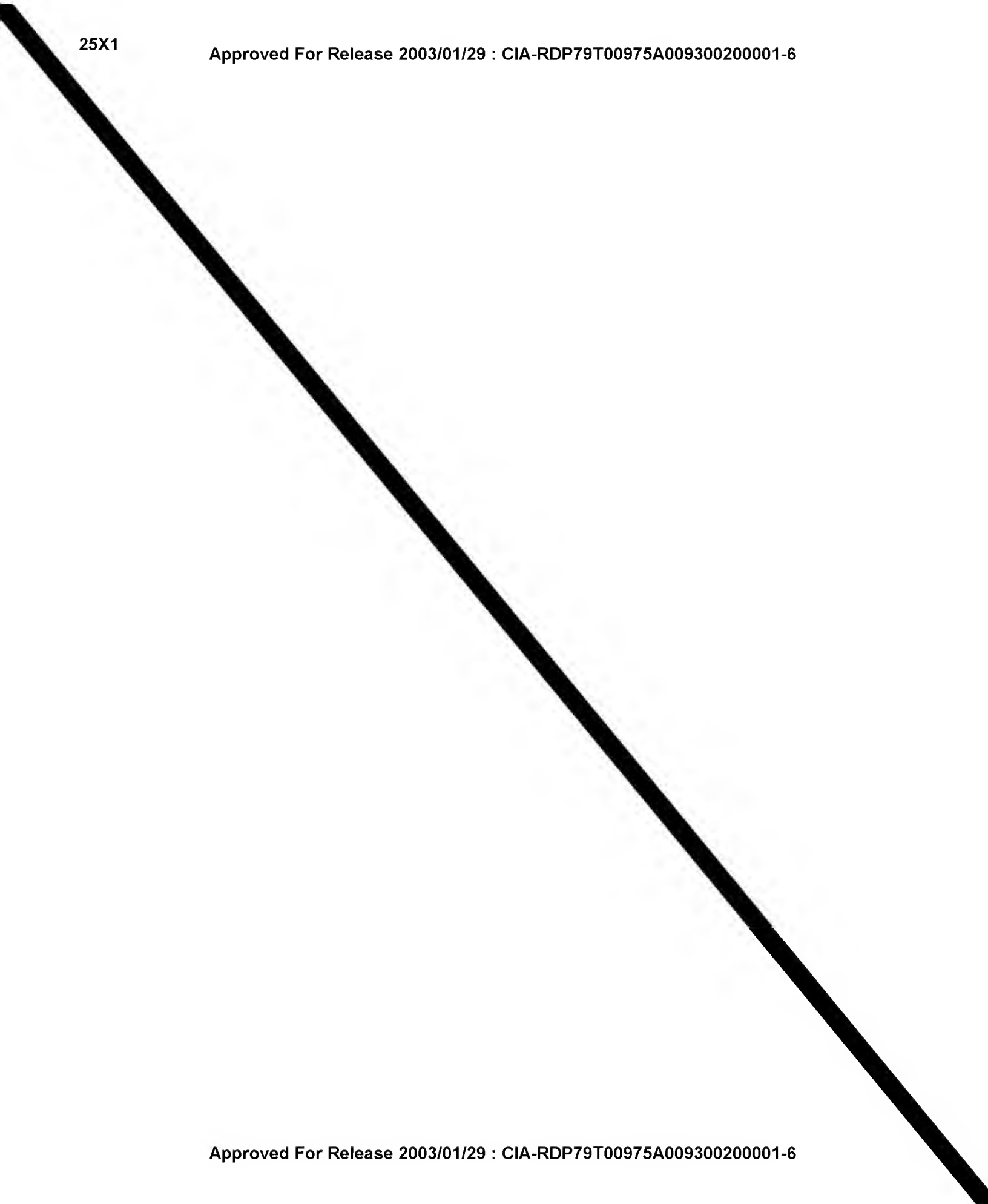

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Dominican Republic: Juan Bosch has publicly announced his intention to resign the presidency of the left-of-center Dominican Revolutionary Party (PRD) prior to the party's national convention this weekend. He plans an extended trip to Europe and has shown other signs of disengaging from national politics. Bosch's departure from the political scene would remove a unifying influence from the PRD and perhaps lead to domination of the party by radical elements who recently have stepped up attacks on the Balaguer government and the US. [redacted]

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